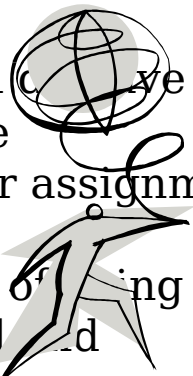


# Global Force

**O**ne of the more exciting things about the Air Force is the opportunity for assignments to interesting places, overseas and stateside.

This can also be one of the greatest challenges to some.

**B**ut, you can have some influence over your assignments. It's just a matter of being informed and staying aware.



Guidance: AFI 36-2110

Look for other informative fact sheets on topics affecting your career decisions:

~ **Reenlistments** ~  
~ **Retirement** ~  
~ **Retraining** ~  
~ **Education & Commissioning Programs** ~  
~ **Benefit Updates** ~



**Still have questions...?  
Stop by or call your  
Career Assistance**

**Advisor**

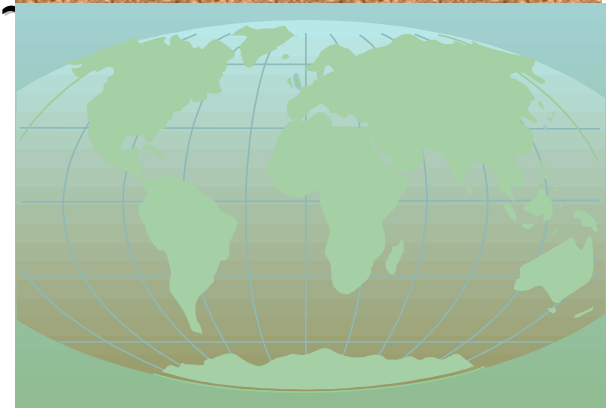
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*"Together  
we'll make the right decision!"*

## Career Fact Sheet

**Did you know...?**

# Assignments



**TRAVEL!**

**NEW CULTURES!**

**NEW ADVENTURES!**

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## HOT for an assignment?



When are you eligible for an assignment?

### ELIGIBILITY WINDOW:

#### Time on Station

1st Termers --	12 mths Overseas
	24 mths CONUS
2nd/Career --	24 mths Overseas
	36 mths CONUS

When are overseas allocations made?

Four cycles per year; normally:

MAR	(reporting Oct,Nov,Dec)
JUN	(reporting Jan,Feb,Mar)
SEP	(reporting Apr,May,Jun)
DEC	(reporting Jul,Aug,Sep)

Therefore:

Check EQUAL and update your preferences at least the month prior.

Who makes assignment selections?

MPF/COM functional managers validate allocations to ensure command balance so AFPC can advertise requirements. Once selections are made, assignments flow to MPF and losing commander determines if person is qualified or not and notifies member.

## Misconceptions:

**1st Termers can decline assignments.**

- **Not** if the member has retainability for the assignment. Member must go!

- If member does not have retainability they may decline the assignment with no negative impact on career (i.e. reenlist and promotion eligibility)

**If you're a volunteer for one overseas location, you're a volunteer for any overseas location.**

- Not true. You are a volunteer only for that location that you list. However, you may be assigned elsewhere from the non-volunteer list. Also, your functional manager will look at volunteers (any location) before looking at the non-volunteer eligibles.

**Because I'm in a critical career field, I can't get a special duty assignment.**

- Again, not true. There are all sorts of special duty assignments for which even critical career airman are eligible. The key to special duty is knowing what's available and if the timing is right.

## SPECIAL DUTY

EQUAL-Plus provides special listing of available special duty assignments.

SPECAT Guide details requirements for special duty. Information is available via AFPC website.

## Base Of Preference (BOP)

Not just for 1st termers anymore! Ask your MPF or CAA for more information on BOP program. BOP includes In-place BOP.

## Assignment Program

Want to learn more about...

- \* CONUS Assignment Exchange
- \* Humanitarian Deferment
- \* Exceptional Family Member
- \* Follow-on and Homebasing

...stop by MPF Outbound Assignments or talk to your CAA today!

Check out this website for details: <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlisted>